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WAIMEA, Hawaii, Sept. 20th, 1866. Engree :- The shadows of twilight comed gathering round us, as we approached the ntation in the coast that forms the anof Kawaihae; yet the view was magnifi-The green wooded summits of the Kobala ains towered on the left in picturesque as the last rosy hues of sunset lingered them in a sad farewell smile. The lotty ridge enalalai, with the blackened path of the lava of 1860, loomed up grandly desolate to the In front and between them, rising from a terrace-like hills, was the elevated plain of a and beyond was the lofty dome of Mauna

A cloud, driven by the trade wind, veiled 9 on Loa and hung like a snowy banner over the The road to Walmen, wound like a brown over the near hills. Scattered along the andy beach, where the sleepy wavelets scarceeat, the village of Kawaibae appeared as if The eld heins on the point of the mountain right, looked bleak and desolate-still and the dust of those who reared it. There that activity among the native canoes and aleboats, that characterizes the stopping on the islands generally. How different the

a few years ago! waihae, the ancient Capital of Hawaii, ace the seat of power and place, and the ard and rendezvous of the cance florts of pelia the Great, and where his busy, active s prepared for their conquering expedi-There was the heims, where the captive Keom ceased to disturb the march of ambiand conquest. There, in this peaceful bay, hief, Kenaumoku, took his revenge on young if and the crew of the "Fair American," and Davis was saved to become the companion of first Kamehameha. There, too, the good and as Vancouver landed the first useful domesnals, which have since become so numerous. the shore was thronged with wondering nds as Long appeared with mokus, or floatdands. There superstitious myriads bowed at rude temples at the bidding of the priests, or or clans marched to battle at the command of feudal chiefs. Where is all that numerous

Past and Present. w survivors stalk over the dust and ashes of who impoverish the soil, destroy the trees and ren n. Desolating wars and withering pestilence not alone been the cause. There is a moral , a social blight, that has worked greater | country can become either permanently prosperous, than these, and is still operating. Genuine or civilized without an agricultural, producing HILO, Hawaii ... Ships supplied with recruits at the shortest and high moral feeling and principle are not growth of an hour. It takes time to accommoral and social revolutions. Man | steppes of Tartary. If the crown and government eap at one bound the wide gulf that separ- lands were divided and sold to actual settiers, we ivilization and refinement from ignorance barbarism. The missionaries have accomplishich, and material civilization has made rapid ess through commerce, the greatest of all lizers in these islands. But forty years are not I and secial constitution of a nation. The his cane field with fig trees, and now at two years of Hawaii nei have passed and are passing of age, they are several feet high and loaded with 62h a terrible ordeal—their transition period. ces of civilization, which stimulate and min-

to the passions, are more readily learned than the best quality of Irish potatoes raised in the virtues. The educated conscience and will are cane fields. I noticed this particularly in the grounds of Mr. F. Spencer, Muuloa. All kinds of ing, Boots and Shoes, and Yanker Notions, ordeal past and before us, we ought not to rprised that the very efforts to increase the of a tropical, as well as those of a temperate climate. have caused blight and death; while a The grape would undoubtedly thrive. The counwith the sensual side of civilization, has try has about the same elevation as the best wine aly been damaging and demoralizing in its ts, but has caused the decline and depopulaof this people. The thousands who thronged the amount of moisture about equal. An experi-the days of Cook and Vancouver, are ment in vine growing would be rewarded by

Keep constantly on hand a full assertment of merchandise, for the supply of Whalers and Merchant vessels. of this people. The thousands who thronged ented by a few feeble descendents, strange success. ads of vice and virtue. The most of the is is gone, a few may yet come out like gold Is delicious. The mornings are always bright and the crucible, purified and refined. Let us e for the native Hawarians a better and brighter and a loftier destiny!

The Road to Waimes. tkness had settled down before we landed, njoying a social night with our cheerful nway, the next morning we mounted our and in true Quixotic style, barring barber's basin" helmet, the lance and rusty lo, we set forth in search of adventure. Our lay over the winding road that leads to the of Waimen. With some expense and labor it be made a good way for carriage—it is pracnow. The foothills are mostly barren, oleanic rocks, looking blackly forth through scant grass and herbage. As we ascended toglorious glimpses of mountain and ocean

finally reached the level of the plain after a ours ride, and were struck with admiration of around us. Barrenness had ceased-verdure exceeded. The undulating plain of Waimea, a rich sod of grass, like an emerald carpet, ad away to the east, boundless as the vision, the green, sloping, forest-crowned mountains north, the grander and loftier na Kea and Hualalat on the south and southwith Manna Loa frowning majestically in the ce, beyond and between them. The great in glittering in the distance, met the horizon in west. Cattle and sheep were grazing on the

Scenery of Waimea.

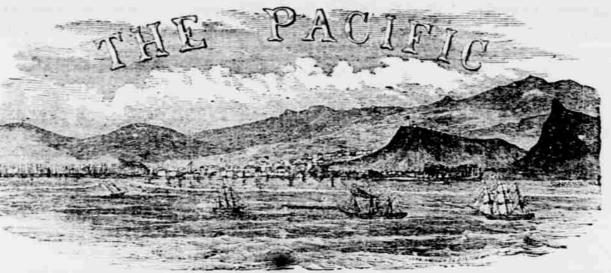
m mountain side, or scattered over the plain. and substantial houses appeared in various ions. Groves of mulberry and fruit trees, e fields and rich gardens, gave variety to the Mr. Horsemen, like the Mexican Vacqueros, ping over the plain, with jingling spurs to in hand. Then the never-resting breeze cool and bracing, bearing health and fraon its wings. And, as if to give gladness

"Rapid dashing Silvery flashing Waters" of Waimea

d by us, unsurpassed by the "Waters of San The mists and clouds that sweep up the trade winds, condense their moisture on Kohala mountains, where a natural reservoir, extinct crater of an ancient volcano, receives m, and from thence living streams flow not only the plain of Waimea, but into Kohala also. apid waters, rushing down the sides of the soth, rounded mountain, and leaping over the then quietly winding their way through everen margins over the plain, are refreshing to the after leaving the parched and sunburnt disof the islands. Glancing over the whole and grouping together its objects of interest beauty, we tried, but could not bring to ory a landscape so varied in its loveliness. ight of classic lands, the vale of Tempe, lysian fields, the Acadran groves, and the vale Avoca, and in the language of Tom Moore, ex-

"There is not in the wide world, a valley so sweet." We quartered ourself with a relative and namete of General Sherman, in a neat "cot that o'erked the wide sea," ten miles distant, and the , varied and grand scenery landward. We rehed, breathed the exhilirating air, and enjoyed rself generally. We visited Lihue, Puuloa, Waia and many other places in the neighborhood. ere was some spirit of enterprise and industry. e found our friend Charles Notley and the Wai-Grazing Company had extensid turned out excellent leather. There were veral sons of St. Crispin in the vicinity who emed to be plying their vocations busily and eli. It would be an excellent point for a boot nd shoe manufactory; it could supply these isli, and render importation unnecessary. The pal exports from the Waimea district, are ef, leather, hides and tallow. The agricultural oducts are few, for which the richest soil and one the finest climates in Hawaii nei, there is but

Geological Formation of Hawaii. The District of Kohala, in which Waimea is uated, and Hamakua, are the oldest in the island. ere has been more decomposition of the volcadebris. The eruptive force of the fiery waves heath us, here first broke forth and the Kohala age was upheaved, next Maunakea, then Huala-



junct Kilauea.

operations, are left for future development. The

upheaval of these mountains, and their age, is in relative order to the age and volcanic emergence

of these islands. Kanai is the oldest, and answers

in geological age to Kohala, Oahu to Maunakea, Mani to Hualalai, and Hawaii is represented by

the present flery forming Mauna Loa, with its ad-

The soil of the plain of Waimea is decomposed

volcanic matter, with vegetable mould and allu-

vion from the bills, of a dark brown color. It

varies in depth from twelve inches to ten feet, is

light, porous and exceedingly productive. Easily

cultivated and with every facility for irrigation, it

strange that the fairest and most extensive pro-

ducing district in the kingdom, should be aban-

doned to grazing purposes only. And worse still,

it is that kind of grazing, to wit: of sheep, that

them and destroyed, and the restless trade wind

bears the light soil along in clouds, leaving the

bare rocks glaring in many places in a compact

yellowish brown clay, denuded of all vegetation,

Horticultural Advantages of Waimes.

vicinity, and were gratified at the prospect of everything we saw. The malberry flourishes, and

within three years from the time it is planted, be-

comes 15 or 20 feet in height, is green and rich in

cellent break wind, for the tenderer shrubs and

plants. The coffee grows vigorously, produces

well and is free from blight. Some trees, but three

years of age, belonging to a native in front of

Pauloa, are loaded with coffee, some of the berries

large as English cherries, and containing grains

familiar with coffee producing countries, and ven-

ture to assert that there is no portion of the world,

better adapted to its production than the district

of Kohala and Hamakua, particularly sheltered

positions in Waimea. The light and porous nature

climatic character, the moisture in the atmosphere,

the showers and dews, are all calculated to favor

its healthy and vigorous growth and full develop-

ment. In Arabia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Santo Domin-

go and Brazil, the best coffee is produced at about

latitude. The coffee trees of Waimea, are freshly

green, vigorous and productive, and we predict

that not many years will expire, before it will be

the chief coffee growing region of these islands.

The only drawback to the prosperity of the coun-

try, is the large amount of crown and government

lands leased for long terms of years to graziers,

der dry the earth and the climate, without bring-

ing wealth or population to the country. No

population. All grazing countries are semi-bar-

barous, from the table lands of Mexico to the

would soon have a flourishing agricultural popula-

tion on these islands, and the revenue of the gov-

ly, is very productive, and the trees grow rapidly

fruit. The cane is as fine as any we ever saw in

Wailuku, Maui, and there is generally a crop of

garden vegetables and esculents grow well, those

temperature. The soil is similar in character, and

The Climate of Waimea

cool, the atmosphere beautifully clear and pure,

and the distant mountains sharply defined in bold

outline. The days are pleasant and balmy; but

toward evening the trade winds drive up their

dew is distilled, sometimes rain, imparting life to

plants and flowers, and making brighter the emer-

Time's Changes.

Waimea, and tradition is not without its lore. In

passing over the country we are struck with the

evidences of former population and cultivation, that

meet us everywhere. Irrigating canals now dry,

ridges, squares, borders for irrigation and tare

patches deled up and desolate, meet us at every turn,

exhibiting the fact that the district once teemed

with life, industry and activity. Now that life is

passed away, and solitude reigns where once was activity and industry. The Rev. L. Lyons in-

forms me that when he first came to reside at

Waimea the population of Waimea proper was

Ancient Catacombs.

of Hawaii thus rapidly passing away, we visited

the care tombs or catacombs of the ancient natives.

There are three caves a little over two miles south

of Puuloa, on a line with the conical Holoholopu

nountain, which are objects of the deepest interest.

a a volcanic break, or quebrado in the plain, and

would scarcely be distinguished by a stranger to

the locality. The doors of the caves are small,

apparently artificial and Egyptian in form; but on

entering the largest called Kanupa, it is found to

expand into a wide and deep vault full of the

bones of the dead. The skeletons are all ranged

over the thighs and their faces to the West. How

similar to the mode of burial among many tribes

of North American Indians!-There are many

thousands in Kanupa. How far they extend, we

could not ascertain, as our apology for a torch was soon extinguished, and we were alone with

darkness and with the dead. We groped ourselves

out by the faint light that struggled through the

narrow door of this subterranean charnel house

and merely entered the door ways of the remain-

ing caves. They are called respectively Keanini

and Pukapuloa, and we were informed that they

are similar in every respect to Kanupa. They are

crowded with skeletons, all ranged in the same

manner, with their faces to the West. A vast pop-

ulation was mouldering beneath the earth, a death-

like solitude reigned above, and not a hut, not

a living native was in sight. The wind swept by

the mouth of the cave in a sad and melancholy

dirge, as we turned mournfully away to reflect on

the destiny of the interesting natives of these islands.

As we write we are looking from our window

on the long symmetrical slope of Manna Kea.

There are two piles of stones on the flank of the

mountain that mark the corner of the district of

Kohala and Hamakua, where they bound on North

Kona. They are called Naohulealua, or the "two

name is of quite a belligerent character. In remote times two bald headed men met on this spot,

and being jealous of "the way their hair was

parted in the middle," they set to, a la Bowery

from the "shoulder," and had one of the most

Kilkenny cat fight." They fought like good

men "long and well," if we take the result as a

proof. They belaboured each other pugilistically

to a jelly, without a sound bone in their bodies,

they gave a last dying howl at each other and

yielded up the-breath, where the piles of rock

now stand as the monument of their limits, as well

We were going to relate another legend, but this

letter is all ready too long, and as we are " a chiel

amang ye taking notes, in faith we'll prent it." for

"The Quetasicoati of the Tolters and Arters and the Lose, (not the 'sens') of the Hawaiians had the same superstitions connected with them."

"a that."

Yours ever, La Paz.

P S.—In my last letter there was an egregious typographical error. The second paragraph relative to points of resemblance between the Hawaiians and Aztres, should read thus:

However, it makes good nonsense, even with the error.

A little further up the mountain side where the

black aa and clinkers,-but we will pause here. CRAS. R. BISHOP.

as of the two districts.

in a manner that should be imitated as an example

The legend connected with this

terrible rencontres on record, if we except the Messrs. D. C. Waterman. ... Messrs. C. L. Richards & Co.

by all prize fighters-for, both were killed? Beaten Chronometers rated by observations of the sun and stars

A Tradition.

in one position. in a sitting posture, with the arm

They are situated in a long, scattering Naio grove.

With mournful reflections relative to the people

over 1200, it now scarcely reaches 500.

There are many scenes of interest in and around

ald carpet of grass.

growing district of California and about the same Ship

All fruits do well in this district, the fig especial-

ernment would be increased seven fold.

of the soil, the elevation of the country and its

larger and fuller than the best Java. We are Bealer in Redwood, Northwest Lumber, Shingles,

foliage, bears fruit luxuriantly and makes an ex-

We visited every garden and small farm in the

and destitute of any life-giving principle.

overishes the soil and destroys all vegetable

The sod of the rich grasses is soon cut up by

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